GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Energy Department – Constitution of Expert Committee to review the procedure of execution and grounding of projects and to prevent corruption and rectify the existing discrepancies in the existing projects / works / agreements – Orders – Issued.

ENERGY (OP) DEPARTMENT

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Power Sector is a critical infrastructure element required for the smooth functioning of the economy and welfare of the nation. An efficient, resilient and financial healthy power sector is essential for growth and poverty reduction. The availability of reliable, equality and affordable power helps in the rapid agriculture, Industrial and overall development in the State.

2. Public procurement plays a vital role in the Socio economic development of a Country. Transparent Public procurement is quite essential for judicious utilization of the taxpayer's money. Mere allocation of budget is not enough: it should be spent judiciously for the given purpose.

3. In order to ensure transparency in execution and grounding of projects and to prevent corruption, and rectify the existing discrepancies, the existing projects / works / agreements are required to be reviewed thoroughly by competent professionals. With the object of ensuing transparency in procurement, the Government intends to constitute an independent Expert Committee with persons of expertise to examine the projects or agreements taken up in Energy department, APTRANSO, APGENCO, DISCOMS, NREDCAP etc. with the following members.

4. Taking all the above factors into consideration, Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby constitute the following committee to review the procedure of execution and grounding of (i) the capital expenditure works undertaken in AP Transco and (ii) all the AP Power Coordination Committee PPAs and payments.

(i)	Sri P.Gopala Reddy, Former CMD APSPDCL	- Chairman
(ii)	Sri Ramarao, Former Director Grid Operations, AP Transco	- Member
(iii)	Prof. Usha Ramachandra, Administrative Staff College of India	- Member
(iv)	Sri Raja Gopal Reddy, Finance expert and former APERC member	- Member
(v)	Sri Ch.V.S.Subbarao, CGM Planning, AP Transco	-Member Convenor

The Committee shall submit its report within 45 days

5. Functions and powers of the Expert Committee shall be :

(i) To furnish a comprehensive report consisting of facts to the Government after study of eligibility criteria, estimates, deviations, escalations, compromised stand taken internally or in legal for causing financial loss to organisation / Government, adequacy /necessity,
(ii) Make suitable recommendations to the Government, both contract wise or in toto.
(iii) To call for any record/file, inspect any work, call for any official for its meetings to provide information.

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6. The scope of study by the expert committee will be as follows :

(i) All major projects completed or in progress (as decided by the committee)
(ii) All contracts / agreements in pipeline or bidding stage.
(iii) Comprehensive review of the sector and appropriate recommendations for strengthening the power sector.

7. Miscellaneous

(i) Expert Committee shall be provided with necessary infrastructure, supporting staff, logistics support by AP Transco.
(ii) Energy Department will issue necessary clarifications on these orders.
(iii) Organisations shall ensure that essential and urgent works do not stop due to these orders.
(iv) Packages / Works / Power purchase agreements (commercial and IPC) which have not been grounded yet or approved by APERC, may be closed without any penalty to the agency whatsoever and return the EMD, BGs and performance Guarantees etc. along with closure order. Organisations may take up any of those works / purchases, if they are found essential, separately by obtaining orders from competent authority.

8. Costs

(i) A fixed amount of Rs.800/- will be paid towards conveyance expenses on the day of service utilization at Vijayawada.
(ii) Payment will be made for actual fare towards to and fro journey by plane / Air Conditioned Rail travel on par with Class I Government officials for outstation journey.
(iii) For outstation journey, they will be paid for Boarding, lodging and other travelling expenses as per actual.
(iv) Orders regarding remuneration to members will be issued separately.

9. The Expert Committee shall submit its report within 45 days.

10. The Chairman & Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Transmission Corporation Limited, shall take necessary action accordingly and also provide Logistics to the Expert Committee.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SRIKANT NAGULAPALLI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
All Members of the Expert Committee.
The Chairman & Managing Director, APTRANSCO.
The Managing Director, APGENCO.
The CMD, APSPDCL, Tirupati.
The CMD, APEPDCL, Visakhapatnam.
The VC & MD, NREDCAP, Tadepalli, Guntur District.

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